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Subject: MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT:

Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss my feelings regarding the antitrust settlement that has been reached between the Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I feel that the settlement is more than fair and the matter needs to be wrapped up as soon as possible. Microsoft has even agreed to terms that extend past what was originally in the suit. The damage that has done to the IT industry and the economy is not worth what will come out of continuing ligations.

Microsoft generosity in our area alone (Washington State) is greatly appreciated and much needed. Cut backs with Boeing and the ENRON business - is cutting into small business - having dealt with Enron. This is only the tip of the ice berg in our state. It is now very important, people in this state ban together, to try and keep our economy a-float. Microsoft support - money and computer supplies - is very important to the area's- areas that otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to experience the likes of, because lack of state money to support education - mainly due to the location and size of the county the schools are located in. What I have read and heard - these are the counties Microsoft seems to reach out to, generously. Not to mention Microsoft generosity overseas.

From what I see - the terms of the settlement are fair; they will benefit the consumer and other companies. Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal Windows' operation system products-a first in an antitrust case. MICROSOFT HAS ALSO AGREED TO LICENSE ITS WINDOWS OPERATING SYSTEM PRODUCTS TO THE TWENTY LARGEST COMPUTER MAKERS ON IDENTICAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Please encourage the Justice Department to put and end to all of this. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

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